

Docket No.: 057454-0093



PATENT 115W

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Shinichi KOBAYASHI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 2071
Application No.: 09/843,165	:	Group Art Unit: 2824
Filed: April 27, 2001	:	Examiner: Vu Anh Le

For: ELECTRICALLY PROGRAMMABLE AND ERASABLE NONVOLATILE
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND OPERATION METHOD THEREFOR

SIXTH STATUS INQUIRY

Mail Stop Status Inquiry
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on April 27, 2001. Since more than **six and one-half years** have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before August 18, 2005 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits. Further noted is the USPTO communication dated June 17, 2007 indicating that an action was estimated to be issued in this case in three months.

Respectfully submitted,

McDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Becker".

Stephen A. Becker
Registration No. 26,527

**Please recognize our Customer No. 20277
as our correspondence address.**

600 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005-3096
Phone: 202.756.8000 SAB:MWE
Facsimile: 202.756.8087

Date: October 12, 2007

WDC99 1395436-1.057454.0093